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A. Soviet Forces

1. Early in January 1955 combat practice began at numerous field training grounds of the Soviet Army in Germany. From 27 December 1954 to 12 January practice marches were made by heavy howitzer, rocker-launcher, and mortar batteries of the IV Artillery Corps in the vicinity of Brandenburg, Rathenow, and Potsdam. On 11 and 12 January practice marches by combined arms (tanks, artillery, and AAA) of the 10th Guards Tank Division were observed in the vicinity of Krampnitz. 25X1

2. On 5 January one battery of the 124th Heavy Howitzer Brigade was shipped from Brandenburg to Altengrabow and elements of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade from Döberitz to Altengrabow. On 3 January a tank firing detail was shipped from Borna to Schwepnitz, and on 7 January a similar detail from the direction of Leipzig went to Schwepnitz. Between 5 and 8 January anti-tank artillery units were observed firing in the Jüterbog-Forst Zinna area.

3. On 7 January an AAA unit of the 31st AAA Division entrained at Fürstenberg; on 10 January an AAA unit of the same division was shipped from Velten to Fürstenberg. 25X1

4. On 10 January two trains (military shipments) moved from Frankfurt on the Oder to Jüterbog; also two trains from Küstrin to Kröpelin, with the shipment record numbers 78010 and 78013. On 12 January one train carrying an 85-mm. AA battery went from Finsterwalde to Kröpelin. On 13 January three trains were scheduled to go from Wünsdorf to Neubukow-Kröpelin

5. Between 30 November 1954 and 8 January 1955 there were no exercises or troop movements in the area of Haldensleben and Letzlinger Heide. 25X1

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6. On 3 January 7 tanks of a new type (T-54?) were observed with the 7th Guards Tank Division at cross-country driving practice. On 7 January 5 new-type tanks were seen at the Zeithain firing range. On 30 December four amphibious track-laying vehicles were again observed in Eberswalde.

7. On 4 January the Hindenburg Kaserne in Leipzig was reoccupied by a signal unit with black-bordered black epaulets. An air-force unit previously located there had left, except for a rear detail.

8. On 9 January a train consisting of three gondola cars, three flatcars with side racks, three ordinary flatcars, and three SSY-type flatcars moved from Frankfurt to Wildpark. The cargo is unknown.

B. KVP Forces

1. The KVP engaged in regular training activities after 3 January 1955.

2. In November and December there were numerous officer reassignments, apparently for the most part from Corps North to Corps South. On 28 December 16 trucks with troops arrived at Eggersdorf, in addition to continous shipments of recruits for a new AAA unit or truck regiment. Late in December a course began at the Ferchels-Mahlitz training grounds for officers of the mechanized division in Potsdam and candidates of the motor-transport officer school in Potsdam.

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